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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING THE UN: PROGRESS  
REPORT ON WORKING GROUP

REF: (A) USUN 1646; (B) USUN 1580; (C) USUN 1544

1. AS OF TODAY (APRIL 19), THE WORKING GROUP HAS NOT  
PROGRESSED BEYOND SITUATION DESCRIBED IN REFTEL B. THE GROUP  
HAS HAD TWO MEETINGS: AN INFORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
ON APRIL 9 AND A FORMAL SESSION ON APRIL 15, WHEN THE US  
INTRODUCED ITS PAPER. THE BASIC PROBLEM IS THAT EVERYONE  
AGREES THAT THE TIME FOR GENERAL DEBATE IS PAST, BUT ONLY  
THE U.S. HAS ACTUALLY PRESENTED A PAPER CONTAINING SPECIFIC  
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POSITIONS.

2. A DRAFTING GROUP OF THE EC-9 PREPARED THE DOCUMENT TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL C, BUT THE EC-9 AS A WHOLE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON THIS COMMON APPROACH. THE STUMBLING BLOCK HAS BEEN THE NETHERLANDS WHICH, WE ARE TOLD, SIMPLY REFUSES TO JOIN IN ANY COMMON EC-9 POSITION IN SPITE OF OFFICIAL DEMARCHES IN THE HAGUE. (THE RUMOR IS THAT THE NETHERLANDS EITHER WANTS TO KEEP ITS HANDS FREE AND/OR IS PLANNING A MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL SURPRISE PROPOSAL FOR UNCTAD IV.) AS OF APRIL 16, OTHER EC-9 MEMBERS WERE PLANNING A FINAL EFFORT TO GET THE NETHERLANDS ON BOARD. THEY HAD AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO "EC-8" PAPER AND IF THIS LAST EFFORT FAILED, THAT EACH COUNTRY WOULD BE FREE TO TAKE ITS INDIVIDUAL POSITION. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ITALY AND BELGIUM AT LEAST WOULD TABLE INDIVIDUAL PAPERS.

3. THE G-77 HAVE BEEN CONTINUING TO MEET TO DRAFT THEIR PAPER. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THEY HOPE TO COME UP WITH A CLEAN TEXT "IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS." REPORTEDLY, THEIR PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN SO MUCH SUBSTANTIVE DISAGREEMENT WITHIN THE GROUP AS THE TIME-CONSUMING EXAMINATION OF THE VARIOUS ISSUES AND DRAFTING OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL. A G-77 SPOKESMAN HAS TOLD US THAT THE FINAL PAPER WILL BE SHORT, SUCCINCT, AND ESCHEW "POLITICAL" CONTROVERSY. ONE G-77 SPOKESMAN TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXTEND THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP WHICH IS NOW SCHEDULED TO ADJOURN ON APRIL 23. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE FACT THAT MANY OF THE KEY G-77 PERSONNEL WILL BE ATTENDING UNCTAD IV, IT WOULD NOT SEEM PRACTICABLE TO EXTEND THIS MEETING MORE THAN ONE OR TWO DAYS AT BEST.

4. THE SOVIET BLOC DOES NOT PLAN TO SUBMIT A PAPER.

5. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MISSION NOW DOUBTS THAT SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT WILL TRANSPIRE AT THIS MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OTHER THAN HOPEFULLY THE TABLING OF A G-77 PAPER AS WELL AS PERHAPS SOME INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PAPERS FROM EUROPE -- IF THE NINE FINALLY FAIL TO COME THROUGH. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THERE WILL BE LITTLE IF ANY TIME

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TO DISCUSS OR CONSIDER THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHICH MIGHT BE TABLED. NOR IS IT REALISTIC TO THINK OF ANOTHER WORKING GROUP MEETING PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE (SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JUNE 1.).

6. ONE POSSIBLE FORWARD STEP THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN AT THIS SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL STUDIES FROM THE SECRETARIAT IN SPECIFIC AREAS, E.G. THE

POSSIBLE OUTLINE OF AN EVALUATION MECHANISM. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REVIEW OUR POSITIONS TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE SUCH AREAS IN WHICH WE WOULD WISH ADDITIONAL INPUTS FROM THE SECRETARIAT. IN THE MEANTIME, THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL INFORMALLY EXPLORE THE ACCEPTABILITY AND THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING THE WORKING GROUP ADOPT SUCH DECISIONS.

7. MEANWHILE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION HAS PRESENTED A DETAILED PAPER (A/AC.179/L.8) AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS SUBMITTED "PERSONAL OBSERVATION" (TEXT IN SEPTTEL). THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S COMMENTS EMPHASIZE ECONOMIC POLICY ADAPTATIONS IN LIGHT OF NIEO BUT SAY LITTLE ABOUT INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS PER SE. BUT, WHATEVER INTEREST IS EVOKED BY THE SECRETARIAT SUBMISSIONS, THEY ARE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR G-77 AND EC-9 POSITIONS.  
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